

### 1. Read and answer

## *Alice's first date*

Alice was getting ready for her first date with Max. Although she felt nervous, she was excited. While she was putting on her jacket, Max arrived.

They walked to the café downtown because they both loved coffee. Although Alice was shy at first, she relaxed while they were talking. Max told her he volunteered at an animal shelter because he wanted to be a vet.

It started to rain while they were walking home, so they ran under a tree. Although they got wet, they were laughing. Alice had a great time because Max was funny and kind.



1. Why was Alice feeling nervous? \_\_\_\_\_
2. What was Alice doing when Alex arrived at her house? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Where did Alice and Max decide to go, and why did they choose that place? \_\_\_\_\_  
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4. What were they doing when it started to rain? \_\_\_\_\_
5. How did they react when it started to rain? \_\_\_\_\_

2. Simple Past vs Past Continuous. Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verb.

1. While Alice \_\_\_\_\_ (get) ready, her phone rang.
2. Max \_\_\_\_\_ (arrive) at exactly 7 PM.
3. They \_\_\_\_\_ (walk) to the café when they \_\_\_\_\_ (start) to talk.
4. Alice \_\_\_\_\_ (discover) new things about Max during dinner.
5. When Max \_\_\_\_\_ (drink) coffee, Alice \_\_\_\_\_ (ask) a question.
6. It \_\_\_\_\_ (rain) yesterday.

3. Fill in the blanks with **although**, **so**, or **because**:

1. Alice was nervous \_\_\_\_\_ it was her first official date.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ they got soaked in the rain, they were still happy.
3. They had to run for shelter \_\_\_\_\_ it started raining heavily.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ Maya was initially shy, she began to feel comfortable.
5. They both liked coffee \_\_\_\_\_ they went to a café.

4. Imagine that you met with your best friend last night. Write a paragraph about it. Include:

- a. at least 4 sentences in past simple.
- b. At least 4 sentences in past continuous.
- c. Linkers: So-because-although- and